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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kazufumi OGAWA

Serial No.: 10/070,554 Group Art Unit: 2871

Filed: March 7, 2002 Examiner: Thoi V. Duong

For: ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT BOARD AND TFT

ARRAY SUBSTRATE AND LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE UTILIZING THE SAME

## RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT OR CREDIT FEES TO

Sir:

DEP. ACCT. 16-0331

In response to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2003, applicant hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, species I for initial examination in this application. Claims 1-23 read on the elected species and no claims are generic to all species outlined in the Office Action.

Applicant traverses the election requirement since all of species I-VI are sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for species I should encompass a thorough and complete search for species II-VI.

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Search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden. See MPEP \$803 which states that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits." This policy should apply in the present application to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicant and unnecessary duplicative examination by the USPTO.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the election requirement and examination of all species herein are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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